



# Technical Standards and Safety Authority

Minutes of the Consumers Advisory Council

Meeting on April 28, 2022

Minutes of the Consumers Advisory Council meeting of the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) held by teleconference at 11:00 a.m. on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

**Present:** G. Rae Dulmage (Chair); Ahmad Hussein; Jay Jackson; Sunaina Menezes; Ronald Morrison; Christine Simpson; Kathryn Woodcock.

Alexandra Campbell, Vice President, Communications and Stakeholder Relations; Danielle Fernandes, Advisory Council Coordinator; Kristian Kennedy, Manager, Government Relations; Bonnie Rose, President & CEO.

**Guests:** Sheila Johnston, ASL Interpreter, Roman Pizzacalla, ASL Interpreter.

## 1. Constitution of Meeting

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The Chair welcomed all council members

### a) Safety Moment

For the safety moment, Council was shown a short video on heat safety.

## 2. Adoption of the April 28, 2022 agenda

Council adopted the agenda as presented.

## 3. Approval of December 3, 2021 minutes

A council member advised that there was a spelling error under item 6d in the December 3, 2021 minutes. It was noted that the word “nothing” must be changed to “noting”.

Council approved the minutes as amended.

**Action:** D. Fernandes to correct the minutes prior to posting on TSSA’s website.

## 4. Review of Action items from last meeting

K. Kennedy spoke to this item advising that all action items have been completed. In relation to recalls, K. Kennedy advised that TSSA is open to leveraging CO safety platform to raise awareness to recalls. He noted that TSSA also has an e-newsletter which is a new forum to communicate information such as recalls.

A council member asked the process for signing up for TSSA’s e-newsletter. B. Rose explained that individuals have to consent to subscribing and noted that council member would be sent a link should they choose to subscribe.

**Action:** D. Fernandes to send e-subscriber link to council for e-newsletter.

## 5. Chair’s Update

The Chair noted that the CAC provided TSSA with important insights during the various strategic planning sessions. He explained that overall, he sees a greater desire, nationally, for harmonized codes and standards. He encouraged council member to continue bring issues forward and continue to provide advice to TSSA.



**6. Verbal Reports from Fall 2021 Industry Council Meetings**

**a. Amusement Devices Advisory Council (ADAC) - Kathryn Woodcock**

K. Woodcock spoke to this item advising that the ADAC met on March 10, 2022. She noted that methods for addressing the shortage of mechanics is a key focus for the council. She advised that among the options being reviewed are the easing of qualification requirements for those with a millwright certificate and the ability to implement limited scope certificates which would be ride- and location-specific. Additionally, she advised that council was provided clarifications and updates on alterations and checklists, she explained that it is important to underscore the importance of engineering review when rides undergo modifications.

In response to a question about how to balance the need to soften requirements against the need to avoid incidents and mitigate risks, K. Woodcock advised that the different scenarios warrant different analysis and interventions for risk mitigation.

**b. Boilers, Pressure Vessels, and Operating Engineers Advisory Council (BPV&OEAC) – Ron Morrison**

R. Morrison advised that the BPV & OE Advisory council had its first joint industry meeting on April 5, 2022. He noted that he is appreciative of hearing different perspectives and views. He noted that the focus of the meeting was on ensuring balanced representation within the council.

There were no questions or comments from council.

**c. Ski Lift Advisory Council (SLAC) – Christine Simpson**

C. Simpson was unable to attend the meeting the last SLAC, so she provided an update based on the circulated minutes. She noted a discussion about the importance of reporting near-misses and a discussion on passport requirements. She asked what the protocol is for when a CAC member is not able to attend a meeting. The Chair asked to be notified so that alternate coverage can be arranged if possible.

The Chair advised that a committee of the International Standards Organization (ISO) is working on symbols for ski lifts, and asked if this would be useful to SLAC. C. Simpson noted that this would be good to run these by the SLAC, noting that internationally/ nationally harmonized symbols would be good to have.

**Action:** R. Dulmage to share ISO symbols on Ski Lifts with TSSA.

**Action:** TSSA to share with Ski council for comment.

**d. Propane Advisory Council (PAC) – Jay Jackson**

J. Jackson spoke to this item, he advised that the PAC last met on March 9, 2022. He noted that the council has put forward three priorities that are relevant to consumers, namely, TSSA's fuels tech desk, propane tank and cylinder drainage requirements, and opportunities for regulatory cost reduction in the propane sector.

There were no questions or comments from council.



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### e. Natural Gas Advisory Council (NGAC) – Sunaina Menezes

S. Menezes advised that she was unable to attend the NGAC meeting on April 7, 2022. She provided an update based on the draft minutes. She noted that the meeting was short and centered around development related to the Red Seal initiative, as well as discussions about climate change adaptation.

There were no questions or comments from council.

### f. Elevating Devices Advisory Council (EDAC) – Ahmad Hussein

A. Hussein advised that much of the discussion at the EDAC meeting on March 16, 2022 centered around elevator availability and the new outage reporting requirement that will take effect on July 1, 2022. He explained that in his opinion, this is a good start to addressing an issue that cuts across borders and has serious implications for accessibility.

There was discussion on the reporting requirements. A few council members expressed concerns that the requirement to report outages that were over 48 hours was problematic as a site could have repeated outages that were under 48 hours which do not have to be reported, but which have serious implications for accessibility. S. Menezes explained that there is a specific requirement for reporting related to the fire elevator that are more stringent than 48 hours. A. Campbell noted that the government did hold consultations as it related to the regulation and advised that the reporting tool will be used not only to create transparency around outages, but will also serve as a policy tool. K. Kennedy noted that the data in this area is limited, and the intention is for the government to use the data generated from this platform to define and determine next steps.

Council also noted that in not having to report outages that are less than 48 hours, there is a real possibility that repeated outages under 48 hours would go undetected, adding that this could become a pattern for abusing the system. There was a question from council as to whether there was a requirement to report in the logbook outages that were under 48 hours. K. Kennedy advised that TSSA would take this question back and provide more clarity on the requirements.

**Action:** TSSA to provide an update on whether there is a requirement to log outages under 48 hours in the logbook.

### g. Liquid Fuels Advisory Council (LFAC) – Rae Dulmage

R. Dulmage spoke to this item and advised that the LFAC meeting on April 23, 2022 focused on new requirements for portable oil burning equipment and the increased bio-content in fuel. He explained, in relation to biofuels, that standards in Canada are inadequate, noting that there is concern about the effect of biofuel on the existing infrastructure (tanks, piping, etc.). He added that there is some movement in the standards development area, explaining that the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) and Underwriters Laboratories Canada (ULC) are being consulted by TSSA as a resource in identifying next steps. Additionally, he noted that there is a new requirement for labels, and there was a discussion about a lack of standards related to labels.

Responding to a question about the international pressure to export Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and whether this is having any impact on TSSA, B. Rose advised that the macro environment, LNG, CNG, Hydrogen, 3D printing, and ammonia will have an impact on TSSA in some form. It will be incumbent upon TSSA to develop a policy framework for these. She explained that part of the challenge is that standards have struggled to keep pace with innovation. The pressure of keeping up with technology is an important consideration.

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### 7. Adjournment

The Chair thanked council for their continued participation and encouraged council to raise issues as necessary. The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.